

# APPENIX D: EMPLOYEE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The City of Grass Valley is evaluating the housing needs of local employees. The purpose of the employee survey is to understand the local housing needs of Grass Valley's workforce in terms of current housing, preferred types of housing and locational considerations. The results of the survey can help the City of Grass Valley plan for existing and future housing needs in the area.

We are seeking your response to this survey as an employee in the region. Be assured that your responses are completely **CONFIDENTIAL** and will be used for planning purposes only. If you have any questions, you can contact Wendy Sullivan at RRC Associates, Inc., at 1-888-449-4772 (toll free). We request that you please return your completed survey within **TEN DAYS** in the postage-paid envelope provided.

1. What is your home ZIP code? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you live in/nearest to:

- Grass Valley or Nevada City
- Other Western Nevada county
- Marysville/Yuba City
- Placer County Highway 49 – Auburn to Nevada County
- Roseville/Rocklin/Sacramento metro area
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you live within city/town limits, or an unincorporated part of your county?

- City/town limits
- Unincorporated county

4. What county do you live in?

- Nevada County
- Yuba County
- Placer County
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of residence do you live in?

- Apartment
- Single-family home
- Mobile home
- Condo/townhouse/duplex
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many bedrooms are in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many people including yourself live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ people

8. How many people in your household are in the following age groups? (include yourself)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Under 18
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18-25
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26-45
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46-65
- \_\_\_\_\_ Over 65

9. How many adults (age 18 or over) in your household are currently employed? (include yourself)

\_\_\_\_\_ Employed adults

10. Where do you and other adults in your household work? (persons 18 or over only) (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

<u>You</u>	<u>Other Adults</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Grass Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada City	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Marysville/Yuba City	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Placer County	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento metro area	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What is the current travel time between your house and your place of work? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

12. Do you own or rent your residence?

- Own (GO TO Q. 14)
- Rent (GO TO Q. 16)
- Other (GO TO Q. 16)

**IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A HOMEOWNER:**

13. Are you looking for a new home or would you consider buying a different home?

- No (GO TO Q. 17)
- Yes

14. (IF YES) If you own a home and would consider buying a different one, why? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- To be closer to work
- To find a single-family residence
- To find an attached residence (condo, townhome, etc.)
- To find a larger home
- To live in a different community
- To find a smaller home
- To live closer to city/town services
- To live in a more rural setting
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE A RENTER OR DO NOT OWN YOUR RESIDENCE:**

15. Why have you not bought a home? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Don't want to buy a home
- Total cost
- High down payment requirement
- Lack of housing choice available where I want to live (e.g., no condos; no single-family homes; etc.)
- Can't qualify for a loan
- Housing in my price range is not available where I want to live
- Cheaper to rent
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU WERE TO BUY OR RENT A DIFFERENT HOME:**

16. From the list below, realistically, which of the following types of homes would you expect to most likely consider? **(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)**

- 1.  Large Single-family home (5 or more bedrooms)-
- 2.  Midsize single-family home (3 to 4 bedrooms)
- 3.  Midsize home with "mother-in-law" rental unit
- 4.  Smaller single-family home (1 or 2 bedrooms)
- 5.  Condominium
- 6.  Townhome/Duplex
- 7.  Rented apartment
- 8.  Manufactured home
- 9.  Mobile home
- 10.  Live/work space: (that is, a place to live adjacent or connected to a workspace such as a studio, repair shop, or retail space)
- 11.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. **REALISTICALLY**, which type of home would you **MOST** likely choose from the list above?

# \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number from above list)

18. Please indicate how important the following factors are to you if you were looking for a different home. (Use a scale where 1=Not At All Important and 5=Extremely Important)

	Not At All Important			Extremely Important	
1. New construction	1	2	3	4	5
2. Home size	1	2	3	4	5
3. Home type	1	2	3	4	5
4. Low maintenance	1	2	3	4	5
5. Storage for equipment/vehicles	1	2	3	4	5
6. Size of lot	1	2	3	4	5
7. Price	1	2	3	4	5
8. Proximity to work	1	2	3	4	5
9. Proximity to day care	1	2	3	4	5
10. Proximity to services	1	2	3	4	5
11. Proximity to Grass Valley or Nevada City	1	2	3	4	5
12. Quality of schools	1	2	3	4	5
13. Community amenities (parks, libraries, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

19. From the list above, what do you expect would be the one most important factor in choosing a new home?

# \_\_\_\_\_ (insert number from list)

20. What is the approximate size of home you prefer (in square feet)?

\_\_\_\_\_sq. ft. OR  Don't know

21. What number of the following do you prefer?

Preferred number of:

Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Bathrooms	1	2	3	4+		
Garage spaces	1	2	3	4+		

22. How do you feel about the problem of finding housing in Grass Valley that is affordable for people who work in the City of Grass Valley?

- It is the most critical problem in the city
- One of the more serious problems in the city
- A problem among others needing attention
- One of our lesser problems
- I don't believe it is a problem

23. Which of the following best describes your household?

- Adult living alone
- Single parent with child(ren)
- Couple, no child(ren)
- Couple, with child(ren)
- Immediate and extended family members
- Unrelated roommates
- Other

24. How long have you lived in the area where you now live?

- Less than one year
- 1 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

*It is very important that we know some details about your household to fully understand your needs. Please remember that this survey is confidential.*

25. What is your current total monthly RENT and/or MORTGAGE PAYMENT?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

-OR-

Do not pay rent or mortgage

Mortgage paid off

26. What are your monthly homeowner fees?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

-OR-

Do not pay HOA fees

27. What is the combined gross annual income of all household members?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

And what is your individual annual income?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions concerning the availability of housing in Grass Valley/Nevada County to meet your household's needs?

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME**